

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Elaine Chao upon being named United States Secretary  
2 of Transportation.

3 WHEREAS, Elaine Chao was born in Taipei, Taiwan, the daughter of Ruth Mulan  
4 Chu and James S.C. Chao; and

5 WHEREAS, Elaine Chao was educated at Mount Holyoke College and Harvard  
6 University, where she earned her MBA in 1979; and

7 WHEREAS, Elaine Chao was married to United States Senate Majority Leader  
8 Mitch McConnell in 1993. An integral part of her husband's career and a passionate  
9 advocate for the Republican Party, she has long been essential to his success while  
10 becoming one of the party's most influential voices in her own right; and

11 WHEREAS, the former Director of the Peace Corps, Elaine Chao would go on to  
12 serve as the United States Secretary of Labor under President George W. Bush from 2001  
13 until 2009; and

14 WHEREAS, on November 29, 2016, President Donald J. Trump nominated Elaine  
15 Chao to serve as the United States Secretary of Transportation, a position to which she  
16 was confirmed on January 31, 2017; and

17 WHEREAS, this honorable body rightfully commends Elaine Chao on this day for  
18 her indelible vision, for all she has done for the Republican Party, and for her  
19 commitment to American ideals and values. In so doing the members grant her best  
20 wishes as she embarks on this new chapter of her life, and thanks her for her service to  
21 this great nation as she continues her duties as Secretary of Transportation;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
24 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

25 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives honor Elaine Chao  
26 upon being named United States Secretary of Transportation.

27 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in

- 1 honor of Elaine Chao.
- 2 ➡Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
- 3 copy of this Resolution to Representative Steven Rudy.